

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 (currently amended): A hand-held device for selectively attaching a water drip system connector to a water drip system conduit or detaching the water drip system connector from the water drip system conduit, said water drip system connector having two spaced connector ends, a connector shaft disposed between said connector ends and spaced first and second projections projecting outwardly from said connector shaft between said connector ends, said water drip system connector defining an elongated water flow passageway extending through said connector shaft and said connector ends, said device being of unitary construction and comprising, in combination:

a handle portion; and

a holder portion affixed to and extending from said handle portion, said holder portion defining a holder portion cavity for releasably accommodating therein said water drip system connector, said holder portion including a first abutment surface at a first holder portion cavity location for abutting against the water drip system connector first projection for attaching the water drip system connector to the water drip system conduit when the device and the water drip system conduit are moved relatively toward one another by an individual grasping the handle portion, and said holder portion including a second abutment surface at a second holder portion cavity location for

abutting against the water drip system connector second projection for detaching the water drip system connector from the water drip system conduit when the device and the water drip system conduit are moved relatively away from one another by an individual grasping the handle portion, said holder portion further defining a holder portion opening communicating with said holder portion cavity for receiving the thumb or other finger of the individual grasping the handle portion whereby the thumb or other finger can be placed in engagement with the water drip system connector to maintain the water drip system connector in said holder portion cavity and a handle portion cavity in communication with said holder portion cavity for accommodating a water drip system line attached to said water drip system connector.

2 - 4 (canceled)

5 (original): The device according to Claim 1 of integral, molded plastic construction.

6 (canceled)

7 (currently amended): The device according to Claim 6 11 wherein said distal holder portion end forms an indent, said first abutment surface located on said indent.

8 (currently amended): The device according to Claim 3 1 wherein said handle portion cavity extends from an outer peripheral wall of said handle portion to said holder portion

cavity and becomes progressively deeper in the direction of said holder portion cavity.

9 (currently amended): The device according to Claim 6 11 wherein said spaced holder portion side walls have curved inner surfaces.

10 (new): A hand-held device for selectively attaching a water drip system connector to a water drip system conduit or detaching the water drip system connector from the water drip system conduit, said water drip system connector having two spaced connector ends, a connector shaft disposed between said connector ends and spaced first and second projections projecting outwardly from said connector shaft between said connector ends, said water drip system connector defining an elongated water flow passageway extending through said connector shaft and said connector ends, said device being of unitary construction and comprising, in combination:

a handle portion; and

a holder portion affixed to and extending from said handle portion, said holder portion defining a holder portion cavity for releasably accommodating therein said water drip system connector, said holder portion including a first abutment surface at a first holder portion cavity location for abutting against the water drip system connector first projection for attaching the water drip system connector to the water drip

system conduit when the device and the water drip system conduit are moved relatively toward one another by an individual grasping the handle portion, and said holder portion including a second abutment surface at a second holder portion cavity location for abutting against the water drip system connector second projection for detaching the water drip system connector from the water drip system conduit when the device and the water drip system conduit are moved relatively away from one another by an individual grasping the handle portion, said handle portion having a front handle portion end and a rear handle portion end, said front handle portion end adjoining and affixed to said holder portion and said rear handle portion end defining a recess for receiving and releasably holding a plug or other conduit attachment having a configuration differing from the water drip system connector accommodated by said holder portion cavity.

11 (new): A hand-held device for selectively attaching a water drip system connector to a water drip system conduit or detaching the water drip system connector from the water drip system conduit, said water drip system connector having two spaced connector ends, a connector shaft disposed between said connector ends and spaced first and second projections projecting outwardly from said connector shaft between said connector ends, said water drip system connector defining an elongated water flow passageway extending through said connector shaft and said

connector ends, said device being of unitary construction and comprising, in combination:

a handle portion; and

a holder portion affixed to and extending from said handle portion, said holder portion defining a holder portion cavity for releasably accommodating therein said water drip system connector, said holder portion including a first abutment surface at a first holder portion cavity location for abutting against the water drip system connector first projection for attaching the water drip system connector to the water drip system conduit when the device and the water drip system conduit are moved relatively toward one another by an individual grasping the handle portion, and said holder portion including a second abutment surface at a second holder portion cavity location for abutting against the water drip system connector second projection for detaching the water drip system connector from the water drip system conduit when the device and the water drip system conduit are moved relatively away from one another by an individual grasping the handle portion, said holder portion further defining a holder portion opening communicating with said holder portion cavity for receiving the thumb or other finger of the individual grasping the handle portion whereby the thumb or other finger can be placed in engagement with the water drip system connector to maintain the water drip system connector in

said holder portion cavity, said holder portion including spaced holder portion side walls disposed on opposed sides of both said holder portion cavity and said holder portion opening, said holder portion side walls having notches forming holder portion side wall segments of reduced height, said holder portion having a distal holder portion end spaced from said holder portion side wall segments, said second abutment surface being on said holder portion side walls at said notches and said first abutment surface being on said distal holder portion end.